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A FARMHOUSE PLIRITATION.

Atterneys at Law & Loan Agents, homely country phrase goes, "near teafarmhouses that dot the ridge which rises above the suit meadows, a mile and a On First-Class Improved Farms, half behind the Pulisades, in Northern New Jersey. This locality is historic ground, having been the scene of many maneuvers of Washington's army during his prolonged stay at Hackensack, Since the time when New York began growing into a populous city its market has been largely supplied with country produce from Tea Neck Ridge, especially with the choicest fruits raised begins its gentle rise from the meadow flats in the valley of the Palisades, at the village of Ridgefield, formerly known as English Neighborhood, ending to where the line of New Jersey and New York States meet at Alpine DELMONICO RESTAURANT near Tappan Zee. Twenty years ago labors to supplying Washington marke with vegetables, fruit, and poultry. From early in the afternoon until day light next morning processions of the great clamsy Jersey market wagons, heavily laden, coursed slowly along the The Delignation Restaurant is the contrast and best turnpike. At the present time the Ridge restaurant in Central kansas. Lam constantly received contributes but little to the New York ing tresh supplies of market, the early Southern fruit trade having damaged Jersey traffic in this hat the old wagons are trundled out to be loaded with sass for New York's beautifully situated acres with evergraperies, artificial lakes, and rustic ridges, until parks and farming country are here combined. New-Yorkers have raised gothic villas on the sites relies stand; the old settlers remaining,

> tinct in their maize-effored fringings, selves oblivious. an old gentleman sat on the long piazea of a stone farm-house smoking his pipe. It was early in July, and the old man, approach of evening was most refresh-

eleanly swept between the golden hills. How light and silken and floss-like appear the strings of dried grass after being tossed into the symmetrical heaps. ure. Herses just loosened from the which she would lap from a saucer anplow are driven toward the barn, and til she was stupid.

might be most grateful to him. years older. The stars which he wore on den extending far in all dirrections.

ing always at her master's side. The sought after by the "first families" as was a mere accident that I offered my. was a luxurious creature, living extrava-General's dog was a most singular an eligible match for marriageble daught self, and I begin to believe my fiances gantly, and apparantly caring little for homely country phrase goes, "near teawas addicted to the same irregularities der, with one of these supple figures since she's written me. Excuse me to- tumes and the lavish style of her esas was her master, both partaking each best described by the word willowy. He night; I'll tell you all about how I was tablishment. The last thing that ennight of lager beer until they were had a complexion unusually clear and booked when I'm more in the humor. hilarious. They would return white for a man. His eyes were dark Let's have your verses, sir; enough of proposing to her when I did. I was from the "garden" where the and mellow; those eyes that sparkle 'wine' and 'women.' Now for the known the land mellow; those eyes that sparkle wine' and 'women.' General, surrounded by his cronies, and wink without the owner's conscious 'sorg." passed every evening, walking with a ness. His dark hair was kept closely most suspicious gait. When, as was ent and parted with careful precision and recited in solemn tones these lines: frequently the case, Betty rolled into He was what men, who are the only corthe gatter, the General would pick her rect judges of each other's apparel, call up and carry her home. They were a well-dressed fellow. Although he had

and blond-shot eyes, betraying her dis handeune ter curling in ringlets to his shoulders, mantic. ter curling in ringlets to his sub-gives him a parametric look. His voice was peculiarly sweet in tone, and a boon companion, arriving, as they did, he delighted in displaying his elecution- at the farm house but a day or two ary powers, which were above mediocri- apart. He was delighted that the young ty, by reading from the poets and recit- man souched, considered lager teer a ng rhymes of his own composition.

accounted "gay" or "last," as the terms was but 17 when she lost her husband, shief market. Tea Neck Ridge is in a three months after their marriage. rare state of cultivation, however. As General Airlie proposed to her when the original Datch settlers, with their her husband had been dead but a short stiff-backed notions, have passed away, time, and she, having more ambition heir descendants have ornamented the than heart, accepted the old man, and Pleased Cales of all kinds. Chemical Fraits of all greens, flower garders, reseries, and not long before the little Late All that her husband, and made herself so disagreeable to him that he was glad to permit her to obtain a divorce, and to where peak-roofed revolutionary This episode in his life had made the settle a comfortable fortune upon her. ty, being esteemed not alone because the bound of the bou Dutch farm houses in New Jersey have been remodeled until they possess the been remodeled until they possess the hours without imbibling lager beer, he hours without imbibling lager beer, he is two were sitting in the garden, the Gen have seen me, thought Wilbur. The

> salt grass, seemed almost as a sea, the to pass vacation his will had made her light breeze ruffing the long stalks till school he would take a string liking only a girl-more's the pity."
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> they appeared like green waves rocking to the would faster him by sail.
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> The inmates of the farm house, as they of Muller and his wife gone to hedup and down. Fields were carpet d to those who would flatter him by seek-with silky grass, and the tat, tat, tat of ing his society—who would suffer the were gathered around the tea-table that shut up down there long ago," muttered the patent mower sent its warning voice infliction of his postical reciations and wite their daughter Greichen, the General Control of the patent mower sent its warning voice infliction of his postical reciations and wite their daughter Greichen, the General of the old man, half askeep, the only miller loveliness was ever framed in white the patent mower sent its warning voice innerton or his portion rectaining at over the farm, reminding one of that readings. These were entertaining at eval and Martin Wilhur. The best was at the gradient mower sent its warning voice innerton or his portion and wite, their daughter Gretchen, the Gen-be could think of being the propertor satin and orange blossoms, became the passage from the Holy Book; "In the times, but the General had nothing else eral and Martin Wilbur. The host was of the garden, morning it flourisheth, in the evening it is cut down." The delicate odor of newmown hay filled the ner with delicious of sentimental common hay filled the ner with delicious of sentimental common have filled the ner with delicious of sentimental common have filled the ner with delicious of sentimental common have filled the ner with delicious of sentimental common have filled the ner with delicious of the Jersey Dutchman. The sent of the Parties of th mown may fixed the air with delicious fragrance. The atmosphere became perfumed as it crept over the garden, stealing the scent from gayly-ornament of better from gayly-ornament of the scent from gayly-ornament of the s not compare with the breath of the same industry with which be followed had been educated away from home; withering grass, waited from fields back these time-killers. The General had being aware that some day she would of the house where men were making selected the old-fashioned farm-house on be mistress of Willow Farm, as the so picturesque in landscape as in the beginning of harvest, when the hay is stacked in prescribe, when the hay is stacked in pyramids and the medow is lager beer garden where the kind of some one who would give hear a city sides fraying and dragging along the the atternoon and all of the evenings at was a frequent visitor; whether it was ever changing from pale gray to soal passengers of the Brother Jonathan was sinces traying and dragging along the tax antenness and an of the evening at to play croquet or court diss Gretches black. Her features were regular, her James Nesbit, editor of the Sen Franching roads, are most suggestive of his garden, where a table would be rebountiful crops. There is no procession served for him. With Betty on a chair that he so often came to Willow Farm mouth being small and pouring, on un-cisco E-color Belletia, a Scotchware by beside him, and a companion with whom no one seemed able to discover.

> plow are driven toward the barn, and the same was stupid.
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> The garden, which had been the chief simpossible, sir, this week. I have blead of the one I have pictured to my in a small pocket diary, and proved his their strength. Then come the great hay attraction of the ridge for the General, business which will prevent." Wilbur stiff for a lover." loads languidly sweeping the quiet road; was but a small room in a house little thought to himself, "No lackadaisical As is usually the case where two per- item of his property, and by a pending the song of the respers and the lowing larger than a shanty. It was kept by a school girls for me, smolling at bread sons of opposite sex are attracted to a request to the authorities to probate of the cattle waiting at the gate were German and his wife, by name Muller, and butter, and nibbling slate pencils, ward one another, May and Martin the document, notwithstanding the fort the sounds to which this peaceful who at night found numerous customers I like the softer sex, but they must be studiously avoided each other. He let that it was written with a pencil and pageant marched. These sounds and from the men working in the neighbor- first furnigated from the school room." no occasion pass to make a favorable unwitnessed. The chirography of the scenes were music to the old man on the ing land. The only things entitling it to "What a charming companion for me," improssion, and it was evulent to sil will and the firm, bold signature were piazza, who looked worn and weather the name of garden were a stand of put in Miss Gretchen. "We can then that she admired him. For two weeks remarkably well executed. When his beaten, as if pasteral surroundings blooming plants, and two cages contain play partners at croquet with Mr. Wil- they strove to make each other feel their body was found on the beach, some ing loud mouthed canaries. The view bur and Mr. Barton. Of course she perfect indifference. At a game of cro. twenty days afterward it was discovered General Duncan Airlie was in his six-ty-fifth year, yet he looked at least ten however, was that of a vast green gar-"Like all the girls, she co

> late war, having then been gradually until its contents were exhausted, when bound. Ha, ha, ha?" promoted from a cartainey, which he he paced the piazza impatiently, seem- "One must rise Airlie to beat the Genheld in the regular army previous to ing greatly relieved when he heard the erai at a pan," said Wilbur. that time. When he retired from the the rumbling of a wagon, which brought "Yes where there are Muffs and Boo-ing, by his carelessness, raised a lump of finding both together. The will was service at the close of the rebellion he apparently retired from everything, save from the station. Martin, "Mat," or "I flinch," replied Martin Wilbur, testations of affection be bent over her from smoking his meerschaum, drink. 'Marty,' Willour, as he was familiarly oCome, Miss Gretchen, let's have a tit- as she lay half stmnned upon the settee Among the foreign notes of an uning lager beer, and making his will. The called by his gentlemen friends, was a the sing-after which I'm at your ser on the pizza. May here the printed change we find a statement that the arlatter was his favorite occupation. His a good specimen of the society man of vice, General." immense fortune he had settled upon New York. He did not deserve this That evening, when General Airlie inward pleasure that Martin should the Maid of Orleans, and which the lathis granddaughter at the death of her description, if it means a coxcomb, or a and Wilbur were again comfortable have confessed so much regard for her, ter, after being wounded under the walls mother, an only child. Since then, man without business habits. Wilbur, settled in the garden, and had conversed From this time the young couple seemed of Paris, placed in the church of Saint however, he had frequently made be though inheriting a large fortune, also until nearly midnight, the former, had to live for each other, and had evidently thouse, has been placed in the Museum quests to others for whom he would came into possession of a fine business, ing partaken freely of his favorite bey fallen deeply in love. The General he of the levalides at Paris. It is comform sudden friendships. His fancies which, at the death of his father—that crage, said:
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> changing, his will would be altered, event took place when Martin was 24 "Now, Wilber, let me know about missed the attentions of Wilber and his pounds, is in all respects similar to that until, as it stood at the time our story years old-he had attended to with de- that love affair which you say disturbs companionship in the garden. He re- now in the collection of Pierrefords, opens, with codicils added and scratch-ed out, it was a veritable legal carlosity. Security found of ladies' society, which long engaged. You'll be breaking some him a request to meet him at the gar-moment when she tell into the power of The General's affections were apparently led him to all of the entertainments hearts in this neighborhood before you den that night for a plain talk. Wilbur the enemy at Comparent. divided between his grandchild May where the gay throngs of New York know it." Maxwell, and a black-and-tan terrier gather. He had followed in the groove

qually bloated by their indulgences in been courted and flattered so assidnousbeer, Betty, in her trascible dispositon by, he possessed a boyishness and offsipation the same as her master. The vanity. He had sought out this rural General was a man of distinguished ap retreat for a summer's residence, having pearance. Tail, erect, and corpulent; been informed that the fishing in its vihis snow white beard and hair, the lat- cinity was excellent and the drives ro-

prime beverage, and would sit up into General Airhe's history during the the small hours conversing with and ar had been one of strange adventure. Histening to the veteran soldier. Down At the time the rebellion broke out he to the garden on the road the General had been a widower twenty years, and, would entice Wilbur, who did not relike most prominent army officers, was quire much urging, as he took pleasure in studying the old man's peculiarities; are, expressing high living and hard bosides he was fond of poetry, and soon district, and now it is only after harvest drinking. The last six months of the ascertained it was only necessary for war he fell in love with the young widow him to be a listener, the General baving of one of his lieutenants. This fady each day some new verses to recite to

As Mat. Wilbur alighted the Genera grasped his hand, exclaiming :

"I've missed you sorely to-day; have watted around here all the atternoon thinking you might return by an earlier not long before the little lady disliked train. I'm a foriern old man-no one to eare for me-all alone-all alone. Wilber surmising the difficulty threw

"We shall not have time before supstretching as they do their broad stone uning to surface of the same properties of the same properties. The black more broked and drive you congs regardless of the space occupied, losing his danguer he had grown in down. A glass of coul lager from a are looked upon with reverential eariest. In the and subject to its of deplession. It was never a pleasant reflection for fresh tap will wash the cinders from my

for the solid comfort enjoyed therein. him, In his turns of despondency, which let her follow the wagon, for the old girl's

English hearts and English hands deal friendless old man; when he eral quite himself again. "By the way,"

General was found in his praises of his friendless; childless old man; when he eral quite himself again. "By the way,"

After Wilbur had recovered from his out hospitality with royal measure.

As the sun was quietly withdrawing his rays from the Ridge, leaving its mendows greener—its fields more distinct in their mixed findings.

In their mixed findings.

In the findings of many, when he can quite missed again. By the way, which Filler you make missed again. By the way was the way which Filler you make missed again. By the way was the way which Filler you make missed again. By the way was the way which Filler you make missed again. By the way was the way which Filler you make missed again. By the way was the way which Filler you make missed again. By the way was the way which Filler you make missed codicil I've paepared in my will. I shall man. The General's granddaughter was send for my lawyer as soon as I fix it After the General and Betty had got specified; that he could convince him The General's grandingstor was about graduating at a large academy on to my satisfaction. You are to have a home and stambled up stairs to bed that that he was no fortune hunter, as he It was early in July, and the old man, about gradient on heat fittle pile of the metal that makes night, and all in the house was quiet, was possessed of a handsome extate and the local portly, looked as it the Hudson, where Commencement was the local portly of the metal that makes night, and all in the house was quiet, was possessed of a handsome extate and the cool air which had spring up at the to take place on the following week. The horse go, and I've concluded that to take place on the following week. She was 46 years old, and a girl of rare you, of all others, will best appreciate one jump out of bed, strike a match, and approach of evening was most refresh. She was to years old, and a girl of three the contents of my book case and my then the pattering of bare feet in the telling him to win the prize if he could; ing to his scarlet tinged forchead. The Bromise. The General took great pride interary efforts. May never minds when didge was in its liveliest dress; the line keep intellect and comprehensive I alter my will. She'll have enough Comprehensive that he was happy to know he was free meadows beneath it, covered with high mind. Whenever she had been home I alter my will. She'll have enough General's door. and to spare secure of all my bequests. O, grandpa, do come; I'm so fright light breeze rulling the long stalks till his sole heir, but when she returned to That's a rare girl, Wilbur. But she's ened! Grandpa, grandpa, a horrid male

Sea Neck Ridge for a summer retreat, homestead was called, she paraded more not so much for its fine situations and fine lady airs than were becoming, when beer he preferred was sold. At one time it was "Schalk's," then it was "Ehreit's," hard to entagle Martin Wilbur, or the then it was "Oriental" beer that he liked son of a rich neighbor who wintered in oped. Her face was so expressive asto. One increent which served to render best. The General never imbibed in his how York. Wilbur chose the company rivet the gaze of all to her personner, that entastrophe memorable is recalled home but would never the lost never of of the General, but Mr. Andrew Barton Her large eyes, heavily lashed, were by the Troy Times. Among the last home, but would pass the best part of of the General, but Mr. Andrew Barton

half so beautiful as that which files along the country road at nightfall. The sleek-coated herd thread slowly homesleck-coated herd thread slowly home-ward, contented cows and meek-eyed by filed her and always her and always to be carefully senanted this girl he re-ward, contented cows and meek-eyed. The her and always her and always the grand-daughter," spoke the Graeral ture of heavy adored by Martin William, began to give agree that efforts to save sheep returning from the bill side past. ing to her and plying her with beer, bondage, and have her freedom here alized that he was captivated; and as elements, the confusion of the crew, and

now at boarding school-the latter keep- flirted with its belles, and had been knocking the ashes from his pine. "It giving liberally of her fortune. She

The old man finished his glass of beer

Porchet ye will syes, what ye care— Thy path is regard at a - t mass? The heart in steam and tenned whit? I, Med only faults of car bear world? Thy pleasures, seeming research govern; Yea, homeless, cheerles, and anti-one call, if one heart to the deab charg. The source will at times to ke wing.

As hereenly visions of the read—
As fairy diverge, has sweet to hat—
In filsoing, transact in their star,
In their ring, fleets, clouds, since—
As quivering analysis from away; ray—
Thy days of guidner thy heart.
White memberes deviates their doth theilt
Saxyt giants of joy may there there and

The feature of the days have slight-£ xistence manght but wears light-t meeting force dark and thear) son the thing poised. Twixt hope and fear both vidente on from day to day-Nor light, norm rs. to point the way: eyes, and rousing Betty, who tried to give you pain." stretch her legs, but rolled over in the attempt, the three started for home, the old man remarking: "I must go to bed picture of me, which I afterward learned

CHAPTER II.

train to-morrow morning."

During the days intervening between the General's absence and return, Martin Wilbur's reveries over his eight was mostly speculations as to what kind of a person was the lady expected. He of my affair with Marion Addison." imagined how spoiled a girl might be ling of his heart, and how intolerable A, Fourth Artillery. this young lady must be when included down his log, and pulling off his duster to the extent he knew was May Maxwell. He did not know why he should married. It's my money sho's been give her a thought, but he could not roll throwing to the dogs. A good escape himself of the gray eyes he had so often for you, poken of, rising before and bewitching

him. He was obliged to admit to him- did not tell me she had been twice self that he was provokingly interested. married, said Wilbur, domitounded. The evening the General and his grand-

she said lit on her face, terrifying her, one hundred and fifty-two passengers. May Maxwell was tall, but fully devel- on board only stateen survived. "I shall leave you for a few days to eyes. May had very small white hands, inevitable death placed him to the rank Withor, how would you like to take a May returned his searching gaze she the wild terror of the passengers, her

quet one morning Martin Wilbur, in en- that he had wrapped the little book in a "Like all the girls, she can play where deavoring to croquet a ball, let the mal-bandsons hundwerthief, folded cornerthere's a stake-diamonds, hearts, or let slip, when it grazed the forehead of wise, tied it next his skin across has his shoulders be had carned during our The General puffed away at his pipe tricks. They learn the games, I'll be May, who was standing near him, burt, breast, and afterward tied his handken ing nor soverely. This accident brought chief around his waist outside his ablet, to an end their cross play, Murtin being the more securely to confine the will to unable to conreal his feelings after hav. his body that every chance should exist on that beautiful forehead. With pro-admitted to propate, bruise without a mormor, feeling an mor which Charles VII. presented to know it." was there punctually. When the Gen-"Don't call it a love affair, General; cral informed him that he considered it. What two letters of the alphabet indog. Betty by name—the former being of fashbundle society, had danced and Two nexes been in love," and Within) his daty to proverbe his attentions to dentes very mill seather? I follow)

was from the lady to whom he was affianced. It made known to him her marriage with a French count two months before. "By your leave, General," said Wilbor, "I will new give you a short history of this affair. Shortly before my father's death I met frequently in society a young widow, whose husband was killed during the war, and who, being attractive in sppearance and manner, made a deep impression upon me. She was devoted to the poor, passing considerable of her time among the sick and destitute, and tered my mind, however, was that of known this lady some three months. The night before my departure she invited me to a dinner party at her house. Twenty persons sat down at table, and as the teast was progressing delightfully our hostess was summoned to the dying bed of a poor woman whom she had benefited. Excusing horself, just as she was, in full dress, she stepped into her carriage to attend the call. I begged to be allowed to accompany her. She consented. The sight of her ministering to the dying woman, whose last days she had made comfortable, deeply impressed me. My feelings were aroused by her benovelence, and, impassive as I am, I betrayed my admiration as we drove from the scene of death. I said to her, I hid you goodby for some weeks to-night. As you This finished, the General wiped his do not care for me this news will not

May, because he was not free to address

her. Wilbur took a letter from his pock-

et, which, he informed the General,

"Do I not care for you?" she replied. 'See here.' She drew from her bosom a early to-night, as I leave on the first she had had copied from a photograph berrowed from a mutual friend. I was so overcome by this display of regard that I asked her to be my wife. She consented. I started South the next day, and on my return she had laid her plans for a European tour. We were to have been united when she returned. This letter contains the denouncement

"Marion Addison," did you say?" who adapted herself to the peculiarities almost screamed the General. "The of General Airlie, and became the dar wife of Lientenant Addison, Company "The same sir, why do you --

"Damme, Wilbur, that's the woman I "But her name was not Airlie-she

"When I related to you my history did daughter were expected Martin did not I not tell you that the flibberty gibbet sturn from the city till late, and he felt whom I married during the war was dimewhat piqued when he learned that vorced from me, an' took her first hus-

to make her his own while she was un-

"The General shook Wilbur's hand, a nak how service believed her to be attached to him.

The following autumn General Airlie's residence in New York was the scene of a brilliant welding, when May Max-

How James Nesbit Made His Will.

As May entered the breakfast room Brother Jonathan was a vister ship of the next morning, dressed in a next the Pacific, and while working hea heavy cambrie, her bair bound with black vel- sea plunged on a sanken rock, tere vet, and her complexion like a fresh rose, a hole in her bottom, through which the Martin exclaimed half aloud, "A beauty, foremast dropped until stopped by a by Jove!" All hands had a good laugh yard croming the deck, and in a few at her for her fright at the miller, which minutes went to the bottom. Of the

usual accompanies to such spice tol hard, whose collects in the presents of entire nonchalance by omit